

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
and
BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019, 11:33 A.M. – 12:01 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe, Vice Chair
JP Harris, Alternate

ABSENT: Vivian H. Gray
Ronald Okum

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Alan Bernstein
Herman B. Santos
Thomas Walsh

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

Segal Consulting

Stephen Murphy, Vice President

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 11:33 a.m. Due to the absence of Ms. Gray and Mr. Okum, the Chair announced that Mr. Harris, as the alternate, would be a voting member of the Committee.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2019

Mr. Harris made a motion, Mr. Kehoe seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee consider whether to recommend the Board of Retirement:

1. Approve submission of a legislative proposal for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform that would preclude the reduction of a nonservice-connected disability retirement allowance if the member's disability was due to the intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs; or
2. Alternatively, if the legislative proposal is not approved by the SACRS membership for inclusion in the SACRS 2020 Legislative Platform, sponsor legislation that would preclude the reduction of a nonservice-connected disability retirement allowance if the member's disability was due to the intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs.

(Memorandum dated August 1, 2019)

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, not to take the above recommendation to the Board of Retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion:

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Harris seconded, to reconsider Item III-A. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kehoe made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to recommend the Board of Retirement not approve submission of this legislative proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Engagement Report for July 2019
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

The engagement report was discussed.

- B. Staff Activities Report for July 2019
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

The staff activities report was discussed.

- C. LACERA Claims Experience
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through June 2019 were discussed.

- D. Federal Legislation
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

(for discussion purposes)

Segal Consulting gave an update on federal legislation.

V. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There was nothing to report.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

***The Board of Retirement has adopted a policy permitting any member of the Board to attend a standing committee meeting open to the public. In the event five or more members of the Board of Retirement (including members appointed to the Committee) are in attendance, the meeting shall constitute a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board of Retirement. Members of the Board of Retirement who are not members of the Committee may attend and participate in a meeting of a Board Committee but may not vote on any matter discussed at the meeting. The only action the Committee may take at the meeting is approval of a recommendation to take further action at a subsequent meeting of the Board.**